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1. EMBASSY SOURCE AT ENEL (STATE ELECTRIC POWER AGENCY)
STATED THAT ELECTRICAL ENERGY STATISTICS FOR 1976 AS PUBLISHED
BY EC STATISTICAL OFFICE (NOVEMBER 1977) ARE CORRECT.

2. THE DISCREPANCY BETWEEN CAPACITY FIGURES REPORTED FOR 1975
AND 1976 ON BIVALENT (COAL AND OIL) ENERGY PRODUCING FACILITIES
STEMS FROM ENEL'S PREVIOUS REPORTING UNDER THE BIVALENT CATEGORY
ALL ELECTRIC POWER PRODUCING PLANTS WHICH WITH SUITABLE
MODIFICATION COULD POTENTIALLY BURN BOTH COAL AND OIL. IN 1976,
THE BIVALENT CATEGORY SHOWS ONLY FACILITIES QUIPPED FOR IMMEDIATE
SHIFTING (WITHIN DAYS) FROM ONE FUEL TO ANOTHER.

3. THE CORRESPONDING INCREASE IN THE MONOVALENT (OIL ONLY)
CAPACITY FIGURE (4000 MW) DOES NOT REFLECT A TRUE CONVERSION
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THEREBY INCREASING ITALIAN DEPENDENCE ON PETROLEUM. THIS CAPACITY
(4000 MW) CAN BE RECONVERTED TO COAL USE THROUGH THE ADDITION
OF SUPPLEMENTARY FACILITIES FOR COAL STORAGE FACILITIES CONVEYOR
BELTS AND OTHER COAL HANDLING EQUIPMENT. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT
PART OF ALL MONOVALENT (OIL ONLY) CAPACITY CAN BE CONVERTED
FOR COAL USE BUT PRECISE FIGURES ARE NOT AVAILABLE. GARDNER

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